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Dear Mr Pridmore,

Ofcom Review of the Universal Service Obligation

In response to the above consultation, my authority considers that District Councils have a much greater affinity with the Parishes at a 'grass roots level', and therefore it should be a requirement for the Districts to consult with the Parishes regarding the removal of Public Call Boxes and hold the veto. Indeed it is the Parishes who have the local knowledge to determine whether such a facility is valuable to the community.

Having just completed a process whereby BT's proposal to remove 27 PCBs from our District was reduced to 18, we know at first hand how important it is to obtain local views and comment on what can be a very emotive issue, and reach a satisfactory conclusion.

Yours sincerely

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